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For: LITHOGRAPHIC PRINTING PLATE)	
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DOCUMENT SETTING FORTH THE STATUS OF THE CLAIMS

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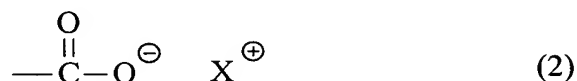
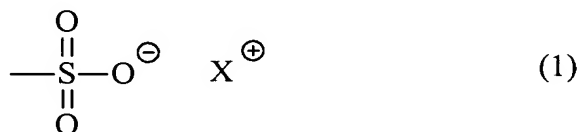
The status of the claims in the above-identified divisional application are set forth as follows:

STATUS OF THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

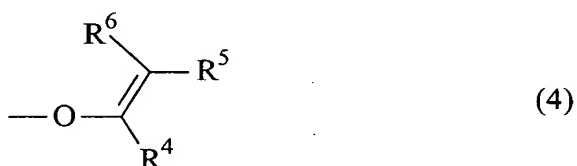
1. (Canceled)
2. (Original) A lithographic printing plate precursor comprising a support having a hydrophilic surface having provided thereon an image-forming layer containing a hydrophobic infrared ray absorber having at least either a functional group represented by formula (1) or a functional group represented by formula (2):



wherein X⁺ represents an iodonium ion, a sulfonium ion or a diazonium ion.

3. (Canceled)

4. (Original) The lithographic printing plate precursor as claimed in claim 2, wherein the image-forming layer contains a compound having at least either a functional group represented by formula (3) or a functional group represented by formula (4):



wherein R¹ and R² each represents a hydrogen atom, an alkyl group, an aryl group, an alkynyl group or an alkenyl group; R³ represents an alkyl group, an aryl group, an alkynyl group or an alkenyl group; R⁴ represents a hydrogen atom, an alkyl group, an aryl group, an alkynyl group or an alkenyl group; either R⁵ or R⁶ represents a hydrogen atom and the other represents a hydrogen atom, an alkyl group, an aryl group, an alkynyl group or an alkenyl group; and arbitrary two of R¹, R² and R³ may form a ring, and arbitrary two of R⁴, R⁵ and R⁶ may form a ring.